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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

27 November 1971

NSC review completed

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT 25X1 : 27 November [redacted] Telephone Call
Regarding Prisoner Exchange

REFERENCES : A. Our Memorandum of 27 October 1971:
New Vietnamese Communist Overture
on Prisoner Exchange

B. Our Memorandum of 28 October 1971:
Further Developments Relating to NLF
Prisoner Exchange Offer

C. Our Memorandum of 29 October 1971:
Instructions to Saigon Station on
Prisoner Exchange

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1. Attached is the text of a 27 November cable just received from our
Saigon Station reporting a telephone call for "Mr. Louis" to the [redacted]
number [redacted] at 0910 (Saigon time) on
Saturday, 27 November 1971.

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2. As noted therein, Ambassador Bunker has the text of this message
and our Station Chief is briefing General Weyand on this new development.

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3. Several aspects of this call strike us as being of particular interest
on first reading.

a. The caller was apparently the same person who made
the previous, 27 October, call.

b. He took a polite but very tough line. For example,
he took the tack that in that earlier call we had agreed [redacted]
[redacted] (which was certainly not our intent) and wanted
to know why they had not been delivered on schedule as promised.

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c. He still insists on [] a package but has amplified the ambiguity inherent in his 27 October remarks by talking of a release of "several" U.S. prisoners []

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d. He is now talking about release dates between 10 and 20 December.

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4. We will transmit further instructions to our Station after we receive them from you.

5. I am sending copies of this message on an eyes only basis to Secretary Rogers, Secretary Laird and Admiral Moorer.

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for Richard Helms
Director

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Attachment

cc: Secretary Rogers
Secretary Laird
Admiral Moorer

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